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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Fine Arts Commission

STAT FROM : [REDACTED]
Member, Fine Arts Commission

SUBJECT : Environmental Concerns Relating to the
Headquarters Pipe Laying Project

STAT 1. Following my presentation at the 5 October meeting of
STAT the Fine Arts Commission (FAC), you requested that additional
STAT comments, concerns, and opinions be gathered concerning the
proposed pipeline route. I arranged a walking tour of the route
and on 6 October [REDACTED] of the Headquarters
Engineering Branch (HEB), LSD/OL, briefed [REDACTED] STAT
[REDACTED] the FAC.

STAT 2. [REDACTED] expressed essentially the
STAT same concerns that I offered in my presentation. The need for
STAT additional electrical, steam, and chilled water lines to the Head-
quarters Building has been firmly established, and the route
chosen represents the most accessible to satisfy the requirement.
Consequently, those trees in the path of the proposed route will
be sacrificed. It was generally agreed that maximum considera-
tion should be given to saving as many trees as possible, but that
the proposed route would not vary from its segmented straightline
design.

3. Concern of the root system of nearby trees was mentioned,
but no one could offer a definite answer as to what potential
effect the 8-to-10 foot trenching would have. This concern was
particularly evident regarding the large, twin-trunked sycamore
tree near the North Dock paved area. The proposed pipeline
path will be on both sides of this tree.

4. The HEB representatives stated that a more detailed
landscaping plan was being drafted for the contractor, and that
FAC personnel would probably be called upon to mark those trees
designated for retention. The route of the temporary pedestrian
walkway was also discussed, and it was stated that no trees would
be effected by this measure.

5. The idea of re-opening the Northeast entrance was voiced,
but according to the HEB personnel, Security is not agreeable to
this. The North Dock and North Cafeteria entrances will remain

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accessible to all personnel. The contractor will be under certain stipulations as to when and where he can dig, and must cover all road and walkway excavations with metal plating to insure vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow.

6. The bottom line of all this is that our concerns may be moot in relation to the extensive building plans being voiced about a new building. Should the optimistic feelings become reality, the whole hill and hundreds of trees will disappear; presumably some of the very trees we are now trying to save.

7. My conclusion is that we have done all we can at this point. HEB is aware of and agreeable to our environmental concerns, and has stated they will do as much as they can to satisfy them. We can only wait and see.



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